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Health Department Services Continue After Storm

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department continues to work with area partners to respond to public health needs in the community following the ice storm. Staff will continue to man the special needs shelters at MSU's McDonald Arena and Drury University.

"Our first priority right now is the health and safety of people," says director Kevin Gipson. "Although all of our services are important to the community, right now our focus has to been on caring for the people in our special needs shelters."

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Clinic and the Vital Records office will remain open today. All other health department staff will be redirected to assist with priorities.

Gipson adds staff will also focus on food safety issues as restaurants, schools and child care facilities begin to reopen.

Water testing will be provided to Greene County residents at no cost. Residents are encouraged to collect water samples in a sterile container and bring them to the laboratory at 227 E Chestnut Expressway during normal business hours.

"We ask the community to be patient," adds Gipson, "We will return to our day-to-day operations as soon as we have the resources available to do so."

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